

January 20, 1953

New York Historical Society
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

I wonder if you can help solve what should be a simple problem. Certain hotels in New York issued brass tokens with denominations of shillings and pence during the early part of the nineteenth century. Shillings and pence were the money of account after the American Revolution until approximately 1800 even though dollars and cents were used concurrently. The hotels which issued these tokens in shillings and pence were as follows:

Merritt & Langley's Dey Street House
54-56 Dey Street, New York

Metropolitan Cave
Broadway and White Street

Moss Hotel
Bowery and Bayard

Swift & Fargo American Hotel
135 Fulton Street

What I would like to determine is when these various hotels were in operation and I thought it might be very easy for you to locate that information by the use of a City Directory giving a list of hotels or similar data.

I would be very grateful if you could assist me in this matter as none of the tokens are dated and it is difficult to understand why they continued to use British denominations.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

170 Central Parkway

March 24, 1953

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you be kind enough to have prepared for me, one photostat of page 211 and one photostat of page 212 of "The History of Orange County" by Edward Ruttenber, your No. F 127 08R9. If these photostats could be made larger than the existing page that would be helpful.

I am enclosing a check for \$1.00, which I hope is correct, and, if not, would you be kind enough to advise me the proper amount.

Very truly yours,

EPN/atb



THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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170 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

R. W. G. VAIL
Director

DOROTHY C. BARCK
Librarian

June 19, 1953

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter of January 20th, but we are all kept busy by visitors to our library.

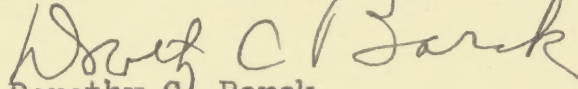
Miss Becker, in such time as visitors allow, has been examining New York City Directories for listings of the four hotels you mention. 1. The Dey Street House, Merritt (Andrew) & Langley (William M.), 56 Dey St., she finds listed only in the Directories for 1855-6, and 1856-7. In those two Directories it is listed under the name of each of the partners and under the house itself. In previous years, Andrew Merritt had a saloon at 54 Dey St., in 1850, and at 58 Dey St., in 1850-51-2. Andrew Merritt and William M. Langley had the Knickerbocker Hotel at 54-and 56 Dey St., according to the 1852-53 Directory, and Andrew Merritt, hotel, is listed at 54 and 56 Dey St., in the 1853-54 Directory; and as hotel, at 54 Dey St., in the 1854-55 Directory. William M. Langley Hotel is listed at 56 Dey St., in the 1854-55 Directory.

2. Moss Hotel. The New York City Directories for 1857-8 and for 1858-9 list Daniel Moss, hotel, 30 Bowery. Daniel Moss & Co. hotel, 30 Bowery, is listed in the Directories for 1859-60 and 1860-61. The Directory for 1861-62 lists Daniel Moss, hotel, 30 Bowery.

3. The American Hotel, Elisha Fargo and Charles Swift, 135 Fulton St., is listed in the Directory for 1854-5. Elisha W. Fargo, hotel, 135 Fulton St., is listed in the 1855-6 Directory and Elisha W. Fargo is listed in the following four Directories with the designation "Eating House," 135 Fulton Street.

4. Metropolitan Cave. That Miss Becker failed to find, checking New York City Directories every five years from 1800 to 1850 and for every year from 1850 through 1865. She also checked a number of New York Business Directories under the heading hotel, coffee house, eating house, porter house, boarding houses. She also checked the material included in our Quinn Hotel collection and our George B. Corsa collection without success. She also scanned L. H. Low's Hard Times Tokens and various volumes on numismatics, without finding any reference to the Metropolitan Cave.

Very truly yours,


Dorothy C. Barck
Librarian

February 8, 1954

Schoharie County Historical Society
Old Stone Fort Museum
Schoharie, New York

Gentlemen:

I am doing some research work on the mint operated by Thomas Machin at Newburgh, New York, and I would very much like to locate the letters and papers of Thomas Machin.

A great many of these are quoted in the history of Schoharie County by Jephtha Simms, and I have been unable to locate the present depository of those papers.

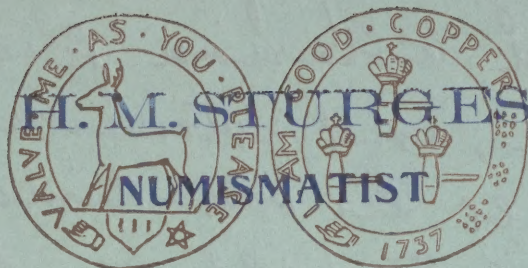
I am, therefore, wondering if you have them in your archives or whether you know where they could be located.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

EPN:dv

A. N. A.
F. C. N. A.
A. N. S.



886 Main Street
Bridgeport 3
Connecticut

April 22, 1954

Dear Mr. Newman:

You wrote to Norman Crosby, of the Fairfield County Numismatic Assn., co-founder, with me, of that organization, on March 10th. inquiring about the "hude" found in 1950.

Since no one there knew anything about it, and I live in Drumball, the next town to Stepney, a village in the town of Monroe, I volunteered to do what I could to help you; I too am interested in such research as yours, and would like to help if possible, having a great interest in these coins, and a fairly good collection of them. John M. Richardson, now deceased, and whose classification system, along with that of Rider, brings us more up-to-date than we used to be, used to spend a lot of time, with me, in studying them, and most of mine are so attributed.

So far I have been unable to im-

earth anything of value to you. One of my good Rotarian friends, born in Monroe, and extensively acquainted with all the old-timers there, hopes to be able to help me. He is president of a bank in a nearby town, and also has a relative who is a Town official in Monroe. Another friend, a realtor in Stepnay, is also at work.

If our local papers had anything on the story, at the time, I may be able to dig up something, since another friend, who writes the features stories for the Bridgeport Sunday Post, may be able to find something in her files.

This letter, as you can see, is to tell you that we, and I, are interested in helping you if we can, and as soon as I can dig up anything I'll send it along.

I expect soon to see the Stacks, on a possible sale of some of my colonials, and will also see if they can add anything.

Warmly yours,

H M Sturgis

Aug 4914



THE COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
 NEW YORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE
 CENTRE AND PEARL STREETS
 NEW YORK 7. N. Y.

ARCHIBALD R. WATSON
 COUNTY CLERK AND CLERK OF
 THE SUPREME COURT

April 26, 1954

Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.,
 315 Washington Avenue,
 St. Louis, Mo.

Att: Mr. Eric P. Newman

Gentlemen:

In response to your letter of April 23rd, 1954, would state that a search of the records of the county courts of New York County does not indicate the naturalization of Samuel Atlee (or James F. Atlee). It may be that he was admitted to citizenship in the U. S. District Court and you are advised to write to the clerk of that court at 70 Columbus Avenue, New York 23, N.Y., for further information.

Very truly yours,

Archibald R. Watson

County Clerk and
 Clerk of the Supreme Court

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NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

DOROTHY C. BARCK
Librarian

July 19, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

It is good to receive your letter of the 7th. You will be interested to learn that this Society has some 80 papers of Thomas Machin, but they are military papers relating mainly to the defenses of the Hudson River, 1777-1783, and have no relation to coinage. May I suggest that you communicate with The Society of the Cincinnati in Washington, D.C., for possible address for Machin's descendant in that Society, as addresses are not given in the Metcalfe book.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy C. Barck
Dorothy C. Barck
Librarian

July 21, 1954

The Society of the Cincinnati
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am writing an historical study of certain copper coinage principally involving Captain Thomas Machin and the operation by him of a mint at Newburgh, New York called Machin's Mill. This mint was on property owned by General and Governor George Clinton, of New York.

Thomas Machin was, of course, a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and in accordance with the publications I have available, I find that one of his descendents, Mr. Edwin Machin Gardner, was admitted in 1935 based on Thomas Machin's service. Would you be kind enough to give me the address of Mr. Gardner and of any other members of the Society of the Cincinnati who are descendants of Thomas Machin.

I know positively that Thomas Machin's papers were in existence as they were written up in detail in the "History of Schoharie County" by Simms but where they are, I have been unable to determine. There are a few odds and ends at the New York Historical Society. I am sure a member of his family would be able to help me in locating those papers.

I am enclosing an extra copy or two of this letter in the event you wish to forward it to any of his descendents who are currently members of your organization.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

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THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI

HEADQUARTERS — ANDERSON HOUSE

2118 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington 8, D. C.

July 26, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

*N.E. of Keokuk
McComb, Ill
McDonough County*

We have received your letter of July 21st regarding the descendants of Captain Thomas Machin, an Original Member of the New York State Society of the Cincinnati. As a membership in this Society is confined to the eldest in line of descent, we can only give you the name and address of the present member, a great, great, great, grandson of Captain Machin, Mr. E. Machin Gardner, care of Mrs. Edmar Gardner Rodgers, Blandinsville, Illinois. We trust that Mr. Gardner will be able to give you the information you desire regarding the papers of Thomas Machin.

It is possible that some further information may be available in the records of the New York State Society. A copy of your letter is therefore being sent to the Secretary of that State Society, and should he be able to give you further assistance in your search for the papers he will doubtless communicate with you.

Sincerely yours,

Blanche A. Girard.

Secretary to the Secretary General.

July 28, 1954

Mr. E. Machin Gardner
C/o Mrs. Edmar Gardner Rodgers
Blandinsville, Illinois

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I am enclosing a letter indicating some research I am doing on Captain Thomas Machin.

The Society gave me your address and I would like to know who in your family might be able to tell me where the papers of Thomas Machin are.

If there are other members of the family to whom I could write, I would very much appreciate their addresses.

The work I am doing is most exciting as it is a subject on which very little material has been available.

Your helpfulness would be most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Blandineville, Ill.
August 4, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
St. Louis 2 Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I'm answering your letter to my son -
Machin Gardner, re Capt. Thomas
Machin's papers.

If you will write Miss Ella Pendleton,
Augusta, Ill., she may be able to help
you. She is the only one in this
branch of the family who might have
any thing belonging to Capt. Machin.

My son is the only descendant of Capt.
Machin in the Cincinnati - only one
member in a generation. (My son is
known as "Machin" - he doesn't use the "E"
which stands for Edgar not Edwin).

The Machin family came west around
years ago - & in many instances not
many belongings were brought with them.

As I've looked into "Machin" history quite
extensively, I'm sure Miss Pendleton is
the only one who could help you.

If you have some one who could go
to the DAR Library in Washington, D.C.

you might locate something about
the "Mile". I ran across mention of
it, years ago, in some book there.

The Library of Congress might have
something - I didn't look there for
"Machin" things as I had found in
the DAR Library what I wanted about
lineage.

Success in your understanding.

Sincerely

Mary Machin Gardner (nee)

I've written Miss Pendleton that she
may be hearing from you.

August 5, 1954

Miss Ella Pendleton
Augusta, Illinois

Dear Miss Pendleton:

No doubt you have heard from Mrs. Gardner that I wrote asking her to give me the name of the member of the family who might have Captain Machin's letters and papers.

I am writing a book on the operation of the coinage mint, known as Machin's Mill, by Thomas Machin, near Newburgh, New York. Very little is known concerning this mint and I have been piecing together the details as to the coins which were made and as to the legal and economic history behind the establishment of the mint.

Captain Machin's papers were available to Jephtha Simas when he wrote "The History of Schoharie County, New York" in 1853, as he quotes many of the letters sent and received by Captain Thomas Machin. There must be some papers with respect to the partnership which operated the mint and I am very anxious to find them. Could they be in any Historical Society, or could they be in the possession of any member of the family? The New York Historical Society has a few inconsequential papers of Captain Machin and I have located the partnership agreement under which the mint operated but I would very much like to locate some of Captain Machin's own file as it would answer a great many interesting questions. Is there any way in which you can give me any suggestions which would enable me to locate these papers?

I will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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FROM
E. PENDLETON
AUGUSTA, ILL.



MR. ERIC P. NEWMAN, SEC.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

August 9, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

In answer to your letter of July 30th
I am sorry to say that our copy of the Holt
Compilation does not have a title page.

If you feel you really need the
citation I would suggest that you write
to the New York City public library,
42nd and Fifth Avenue. I am sure they have
a copy of the book.

The December 12, 1753 act is being
photostated as you requested. It was in
the 1762 compilation by W. Livingston and
W. Smith. It will be forwarded to you
along with the bill, as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



Oliver Green

OG/RT



THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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R. W. G. VAIL
Director

October 8, 1954

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Answering your inquiry of September 22nd, I take pleasure in enclosing a table showing the rates of exchange as prepared by Miss E. Marie Becker, our reference librarian. I hope that this is the information you desire.

I am sorry to say that our good librarian, Miss Dorothy Barck, has resigned and retired to live at Newburgh, New York, where she will be in charge of the Washington Headquarters Museum. Newburgh was the old home of her family and she and her mother have gone back there to spend the rest of their days.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. G. Vail
Director



Office of the Trustees of
*Washington's Headquarters
and Museum*
Newburgh, N.Y.



June 25, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue, St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

What a real pleasure it was to have the opportunity of seeing you and Mrs. Newman during your all-too-brief visit to Newburgh, the "Little Rome," and Washington's Headquarters Museum. I do hope that your researches will make it necessary for you both to come here frequently.

Thank you for your letter of the 15th. A counterfeit halfpence would be a most interesting addition to the collections here, and we would greatly appreciate receiving it as your gift.

Enclosed, with our compliments, is a photostatic copy of the Robert Erskine bill to Machin and Nicoll. There is what is apparently a companion bill, of Noble & Townsend to those gentlemen, printed on page 71 of Edward C. Boynton's "History of West Point (N. Y., 1863)". I believe it may also be found in Hattenber's "Obstructions," but unfortunately we do not have in our small museum library a copy of that scarce Munsell publication.

The Erskine bill is printed in Charles August Harte's "The River Obstructions of the Revolutionary War" (reprinted from the 62nd Annual Report of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers, Inc., 1946), on page 27, with this caption: "Bill of Robert Erskine of Ringwood Furnace, for Iron Intended for the Fort Montgomery Boom, but which, Delivered too Late for Use There, was Used in the West Point Boom." Mr. Harte's conclusion concerning it reads: "In the New York State Museum at Newburgh is an original bill from Robert Erskine, proprietor of the Ringwood furnace and iron works. . . . The fact would seem to be that it had been planned to have a boom in front of the Fort Montgomery, and, because of the large amount of iron required the order had been divided between Ringwood and Sterling, the Noble, Townsend works, but that in spite of this precaution the material did not arrive until it was too late for use as intended, and it was then employed for the West Point boom."

I shall be greatly interested in your calculations. I get so involved in x's, y's, and z's, when I try such a problem, that I cannot resolve them.

Yours most sincerely,

Dorothy C. Barck

Dorothy C. Barck, Historic Site Dept.

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EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc.

June 30, 1955

Miss Dorothy C. Barck
Historic Site Superintendent
Washington's Headquarters and Museum
Newburgh, New York

Dear Miss Barck:

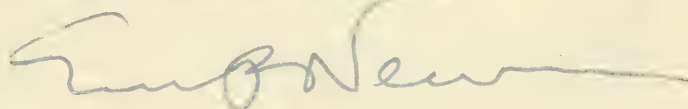
I am enclosing, as a gift to the museum, 2 coppers made by Thomas Machin at his mint at Orange Lake, Newburgh, New York. One is a 1787 counterfeit British copper halfpence. There are no genuine British halfpence dated 1787 and the counterfeits were made because there was no specific law against counterfeiting copper coins in New York at the time. The other coin is a Vermont copper which has a Vermont obverse and on the reverse the identical die used on the counterfeit British halfpence was used. This identical reverse die was badly worn when it was used on these Vermont coins. Those who had the Vermont coining franchise became partners of Thomas Machin and others in 1787.

There were a few other types of coppers made at Machins Mills but the two examples enclosed are the principal coinage.

The mint operated in 1787 and 1788 but the copper panic of 1789 made it unprofitable to make these coppers.

I hope these will prove of interest to your visitors.

Sincerely yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



Office of the Trustees of
*Washington's Headquarters
and Museum*
Newburgh, N.Y.



July 8, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter of June 29th,
about the bill for the chain-logs or boom. Your
interpretation of the sets of links, bolts and clips
is most helpful, and is confirmed exactly by the
logs and links here.

Our janitor tells me he does not have any
scale adequate to weigh one of the links, but believes
he can manage to borrow one. As soon as that loan is
negotiated, we'll weigh it, and send you both weight
and measurements.

I tried to use x's, y's and z's, to calculate
the weights of the different items on the bill, and there
seemed to be enough data to make enough equations to
resolve the problem, but I've forgotten the procedure!

Y urs most sincerely,

Dorothy C. Barck
Historic Site Supt.

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July 12, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secy.
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Av.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I found a copy of the 62nd Annual Report of the Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers at the Engineering Library and have had a photostat made of it which I am sending to you under separate cover. I am in the process of reading it; it looks like a pretty comprehensive article on the river obstructions.

I thought you would be interested in the obstructions on the Delaware and other rivers.

Sincerely yours,



Edward E. White

EEW/bw

PA 14877

September 29, 1955

Historical Society of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

In connection with some research on early copper coins of the United States I would like to have the text of an article in the July 19, 1789 Pennsylvania Gazette on the question of copper coins not being acceptable in payments.

If you photostat it I will be glad to remit the proper amount. However, if it is short and you care to copy it on a sheet of paper that will be adequate.

I happen to be Secretary of the Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis and would appreciate your cooperation in this respect.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA
1300 LOCUST STREET
PHILADELPHIA 7

October 4, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

There is no issue of The Pennsylvania Gazette for July the 19th, 1789. We have, however, found the article which we believe is the one you are interested in. It is in the July 29th issue and we herewith attach a copy.

Very sincerely yours,

R N Williams 21

R. N. Williams, 2nd
Director

Enc.

RNW:elb

November 1, 1955

American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Your library has certain newspapers from which I need the text of articles concerning copper coins and I would very much appreciate it if you could send me either a photostat or the text of those articles. I am writing a book on early copper coins in America and would appreciate your cooperation.

The Plymouth Journal - January 10, 1786:
An article on New England being flooded
with base copper coins.

The Freeman's Journal (Phil.) - August ⁵X, 1789:
An article on frauds in base copper coinage.

If there is any charge in connection with the foregoing, please be kind enough to advise me and I will promptly remit.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER 9, MASSACHUSETTS, U. S. A.

Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian

November 14, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
Executive Offices
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In accordance with your request of November 1 we are having negative photostats made for you of the two articles concerning copper coins which appear in the Plymouth Journal of January 10, 1786, and the Freeman's Journal of August 5, 1789. The work will be done by the Swan Printers of this city, and you will be billed directly by them on the basis of cost when it is done.

Sincerely yours,

Clifford K. Shipton

November 1, 1955

New York Public Library
Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

You have been kind to me in the past in furnishing me with copies of items I needed and I would appreciate if you would send me photostats of the following articles on copper coins which appear in newspapers in your library. If the comments are extremely short, I have no objection to the text being copied out rather than photostated. They are as follows:

Pennsylvania Gazette - August 8, 1786:
Rate at which coppers pass.

✓ Pennsylvania Gazette - July 18, 1787:
A new law for coining coppers.

✓ Pennsylvania Gazette - July 27, 1789:
Depreciation in the value of coppers.

✓ Gazette of the United States - September 5, 1789:
The state of copper coins in America.

✓ Independent Gazeteer - June 28, 1787:
Rate at which coppers pass in New York and New Jersey.

✓ Independent Gazeteer - July 31, 1789:
An advertisement about taking coppers in trade.

✓ Pennsylvania Packet - July 14, 1785:
Laws of Rhode Island concerning coppers.

Please be kind enough to advise me what your charges are with respect to the foregoing and I will remit promptly.

I appreciate your helpfulness and hope this will not be difficult for you.

Sincerely yours,

November 1, 1955

New York Historical Society
170 Central Park West
New York 24, New York

Gentlemen:

You have been kind enough to help me in the past with respect to research I am doing on coins and I would very much like to have a photostat or the text of a few newspaper articles which are in your collection. If the articles are short you may feel free to copy them on the typewriter. If they are long, a photostat would be appreciated. In any event, please advise me as to the cost.

New York Daily Advertiser - November 12, 1787:
Jarvis, the coiner of Federal copper currency,
sails for Amsterdam.

New York Daily Advertiser - May 26, 1786:
Discussion concerning copper money made in
Birmingham with the inscription "Nova Con-
stellatio", etc.

New Jersey Gazette - January 9, 1786:
Importation of coppers from England.

I am sure you will have no trouble in finding the arti-
cles in question.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

The New York Public Library

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FIFTH AVE. & 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

New York, November 9, 1955
Ref. your letter November 1, 1955
Your order no.

Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
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R. W. G. VAIL
Director

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November 21, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your request for certain quotations from newspapers, relating to coins, is received, and our newspaper librarian, Mr. McHenry, has located them. Since they were all brief, he made typescript copies, which are enclosed herewith.

Let us know if we can be of further help.

Sincerely yours,

GB-WM
Enclosure

Geraldine Beard
Chief of the Reading Room

November 22, 1955

Miss Geraldine Beard
New York Historical Society
170 Central Park West
New York 24, New York

Dear Miss Beard:

I am very grateful to you for sending me the quotations respecting copper coins which your Mr. McHenry found in the newspapers I mentioned. They are exactly what I needed.

Your offer of further help is very much appreciated and as I proceed with my research I will take advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

December 2, 1955

Mr. Oliver Green
Harvard Law School Library
Langdell Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Green:

You were kind enough in the past to help me with respect to some research I am doing and I am wondering if you can locate in the laws of Rhode Island for 1785 or 1786 an act prohibiting the circulation or passing of copper money. A photostatic copy of the act would be appreciated and I will gladly remit the cost of the same. If it is short and can be readily typed that will be perfectly satisfactory.

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPE/atb

Law School of Harvard University

Cambridge 38, Mass.

December 22, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In searching the Rhode Island laws from 1785 and 1786, I could not find any law concerning passing of copper money. Also I looked in the laws from 1781 to 1889 and could not find any reference to this subject.

I am sorry I could ^{not} help you.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver H. Green

Oliver H. Green

Law School of Harvard University

Cambridge 38, Mass.

December 28, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In doing further research on your problem, we have found the Rhode Island act you wanted. It was passed during the June session, 1785, and was entitled, "An act to prevent the passing of base mixed metals, made in imitation of copper coins, as a currency in this state."

The photostats and the bill will be sent directly to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



Oliver H. Green

Super vol. #3064

"On the scarcity of copper coin"

1739

18 pp

poem

Edinburgh

no author

Super vol. #3076

+ #2965

Some cautions concerning the
copper coin

1751

19 pp

no author

London

November 9, 1956

Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There are three pamphlets which I believe are in the Library of Congress which I would like, very much, to obtain through an inter-library loan.

Would you advise me whether you do have these items and what the proper call numbers would be. They are:

ON THE SCARCITY OF COPPER COIN, published in 1739, 18 pages. No author stated.

SOME CAUTIONS CONCERNING COPPER COIN, published in 1751, 19 pages. No author stated.

ELIPHALET NOTT, FEDERAL MONEY - A SKETCH OF THE MONEY OF ACCOUNT OF UNITED AMERICA, Cooperstown, New York, 1797.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

November 19, 1956

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT
LOAN DIVISION

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of recent date has been referred to the Loan Division for attention and reply.

The Library of Congress is not a circulating library for the general reader even in the District of Columbia, and cannot, of course, undertake such a service for persons at a distance. As set forth in the enclosed memorandum, the Library of Congress will lend certain books to other libraries for the use of investigators engaged in serious research. The loan will rest on the theory of a special service to scholarship which is not within the power or the duty of the local library to render. The purpose is to aid research calculated to advance the boundaries of knowledge, by the loan of unusual books not readily accessible elsewhere.

As shown by the marked paragraph in the enclosed memorandum, however, the undermentioned material is not available for loan. We regret that we are unable to help you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

Legare H. B. Obear
Legare H. B. Obear
Chief of Loan Division

Enclosure

On the scarcity of copper coin. The National Union Catalog lists this material as being in the collections of Princeton University, Harvard University and the University of Cincinnati. Nott, Eliphalet Federal money ... The National Union Catalog ascribes this work to the Union College of Schenectady, N. Y.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

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LOAN DIVISION

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The material lent ordinarily cannot include, therefore:

(a) Books that should be in a local library, or that can be borrowed from a library (such as a State library) having a particular duty to the community from which the application comes.

(b) Books that are in print and procurable through ordinary trade channels.

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(g) Volumes in poor physical condition.

(h) Material which by reasons of its size or its character requires expensive packing or high insurance.

~~(i) Not listed in Library of Congress catalog.~~

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Loans to colleges and universities are customarily limited to books required by faculty members for use in their personal researches.

A library in borrowing a book is understood to hold itself responsible for the safekeeping and return of the book at the expiration of two weeks from its receipt. An extension for a like period will be granted, upon request, whenever feasible. The borrowing library is expected to apply to the material borrowed the same safeguards it would apply to material of its own, requiring to be used on its premises only such material as it would not itself lend for use outside. The borrowing library is expected also, in cases of loss or damage, to attend to details of making replacements.

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Subject to the limitations indicated above, the Library of Congress welcomes applications for loans coming properly within the intent and purpose of the system. Requests for loans should be addressed to the Loan Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C. It must emphasize, however, that its ability to deal promptly and effectively with such requests will often depend upon the clearness and specification of the applications. Those applications which require research to identify the material requested or to select items responsive to a need must yield precedence to explicit requests for particular works.

The interlibrary loan system is organized merely to complement the resources of local libraries, but not to supply the major part of the materials needed for any extended research. Consequently, the object of the service does not contemplate, nor its scope extend to, loans of large numbers of items required for use in a single investigation.

November 23, 1956

Widener Library
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In connection with some research I am doing for a monograph on the early copper coinage of America, I am very anxious to locate three items and would appreciate it if you would determine if you have them or if your records show where they might be. They are as follows:

A pamphlet entitled "On the Scarcity of Copper Coin", 18 pages, published in 1739, no author given. Not in Evans or Sabin.

A pamphlet entitled "Some Cautions Concerning the Copper Coin", published in 1751, 19 pages. No author designated.

Broadside published in Boston, dated 1750, entitled "An Exact Table to Bring Old Tenor Into Lawful Money, etc.", listed as Evans No. 6495.

As to the first item I was told that the National Union Catalog indicates that it is in your collection but I cannot find that information in the one card file that is here in St. Louis. I would like to have a microfilm of this first item or photostat, whichever is easiest and cheapest for you to produce.

As to the second item, I would also like a microfilm or photostat if you have it.

As to the third item I would like to have a photostat of it, if you have it.

I will, of course, be glad to forward the money for these items as soon as you tell me which of these items you have and the cost of their reproduction.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

November 27, 1956

New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In connection with an article I am writing, I am endeavoring to find the text of a newspaper article in which it is stated, in effect, that by August 1, 1786, 20 or 30 coppers were being asked and paid for one shilling New Jersey currency. The citation given in John B. McMaster's History of the People of the United States, Vol. 1, page 402, indicates that the source of this item is the Pennsylvania Gazette of August 8, 1786. This is an improper citation as the Pennsylvania Gazette was not published on that date. I suspect that this article may have been in the Pennsylvania Packet of August 8, 1786 and would appreciate it if you will look at that issue. If you find it I would like to have either a typewritten copy, if it is very short, or I will be glad to order a photographic reproduction.

I would also like to have a photographic reproduction of an article in the Boston Gazette for April 29, 1793, involving a description of some coins at Beverly, Massachusetts. I am interested only in the portion of the page with the information I am seeking and not the whole page.

Would you be kind enough to let me know the amount which will be necessary to pay for copies of these two items.

Thank you for your customary kindness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

LIBRARY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
THE HOUGHTON LIBRARY

December 3, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

A microfilm is being made for you of the three items on coinage you requested.

The first pamphlet, On the scarcity of copper coin, 1739, has been attributed to Charles Lesley by some early cataloguer. I do not know whether the fact is still considered correct.

You asked for a photostatic copy of the third item: An exact table to bring old tender into lawful money, 1750. Evans lists this as a broadside but neither of the two copies at Harvard is a broadside. I am therefore having it filmed rather than photostated. According to the bookseller's note there is an advertisement in Green's Entertainment for a winter's evening which states that the "table" (which hitherto has been published on one side of the sheet for the convenience of patteing up in houses, shops, and warehouses for constant use) in a few days will likewise be printed in a small fold convenient for the pocket-book.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn E. Jakeman
Carolyn E. Jakeman

CEJ/mkd

The New York Public Library

Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations

FIFTH AVENUE AND 42ND STREET

NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

December 10, 1956

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In reply to your inquiry of November 27th:

A blank is enclosed for your convenience in ordering a photostat of the brief article "Counterfeit Dollars" from The Boston Gazette, April 29, 1793, page 3, column 2.

Regarding the statement in McMaster's History... that before August 1, 1786, "twenty and even thirty [coppers] were demanded and paid to the shilling" in New Jersey, the 1885 edition in five volumes carries the same incorrect citation on the same page as the 1918 edition. Several other editions were also examined but the citation was not readily found. We checked carefully the August 2 and 9, 1786 issues of the Pennsylvania Gazette but the article is not included. The Pennsylvania Packet was published the same days as the Gazette.

We have hastily looked at other papers without finding the quotation you wish; however, we shall keep a record of your request and, if time permits, devote more time to the search. Knowing that Professor Scott of Wagner College has done considerable research in this field, we telephoned him. He was unable to give the source, but offered to try to find the source of McMaster's statement. Professor Scott suggested that you address a request to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia. Since this concerns New Jersey, it is possible that the New Jersey Historical Society, 230 Broadway, Newark 4, New Jersey might also prove helpful.

Very truly yours,

Rutherford D. Rogers

Rutherford D. Rogers
Chief of the Reference Department

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enc.

*this is
July 18, 1987*

REPORT OF Information DIVISION

In reply to inquiry of Nov. 20, 1956 (date)

From — Eric P. Newman

Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.

St. Louis 2, Mo.

The Reference department of this library has a copy of:

On the scarcity of copper coin. A satyr...[n.p.]

1739 16 p.

In verse

(NCI p.v.209)

We do not find in our catalogue a listing for Some cautions
concerning the copper coin, 1751.

Cfa

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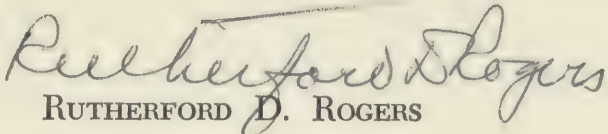
The New York Public Library

FIFTH AVENUE & 42ND STREET

NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

Enclosed is a report in reply to your recent inquiry. We hope this information will be helpful to you.

December 14, 1956


RUTHERFORD D. ROGERS
Chief, Reference Department

December 14, 1956

Miss Carolyn E. Jakeman
Library of Harvard University
The Houghton Library
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Jakeman:

With further reference to my letter to the library of November 23, 1956, and your response of December 3, 1956, I wish to thank you for your assistance in finding these items and I look forward to the receipt of the microfilm in due course.

I am very much interested in the attribution to Charles Leslie of the pamphlet entitled On the Scarcity of Copper Coin, 1739. As to An Exact Table to Bring Old Tender Into Lawful Money, 1750, it is not necessary to have your pamphlets on this item microfilmed as these pamphlets are already on the microcard series put out by the American Antiquarian Society covering Evans' listing.

Of course, I look forward to the microfilm on Some Cautions Concerning the Copper Coin, 1751.

The American Antiquarian Society has no listing or record of the 1739 or the 1751 items and would like to add them to the Evans list. I presume Harvard has many early American imprints which are not covered by the enlarged Evans list and, therefore, it looks as though there ought to be a project to include many of your items in a supplement to Evans. Of course, this might already be in process.

Thank you, very much, for your cooperation and I look forward to the receipt of the microfilm.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

December 31, 1956

Mr. Rutherford D. Rogers
Reference Department
New York Public Library
Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Referring to my letter to you of November 27th and your reply of December 10, 1956, I wish to report to you that I have finally located the information in the incorrect citation given in McMaster's History. It is in the July 18, 1787 Pennsylvania Gazette rather than the August 8, 1786 issue.

It was nice of you to refer me to Professor Scott. He is a close friend of mine and we cooperate continually.

I am enclosing a photoduplication order with appropriate check which is self-explanatory.

Do you happen to have any copies of "The Complete Counting House Companion" published between 1785 and 1790? This was a supplement to the Pennsylvania Evening Herald. If you do, would you be kind enough to let me have a print of it to see what contents it has.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Cambridge 38, Mass.

INVOICE NO. **11118**
DATE **January 4, 1957**

Description	Amount
<p>Purchase Authorized by</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>PA 1/4/57</i></p> <p>Photo No. 93636</p> <p>Microfilm, On the scarcity of copper coin,</p> <p>Some cautions concerning the copper coin, and An exact</p> <p>table to bring old tenor into lawful money. postage</p>	<p>1.32</p> <p><u>.15</u></p> <p>1.47</p>

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January 4, 1957

Miss Carolyn E. Jakeman
Library of Harvard University
The Houghton Library
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Jakeman:

In reading over my letter to you of December 14, 1956, I was perhaps not clear that I wished a copy of the 1739 pamphlet entitled "On the Scarcity of Copper Coin" as well as the 1751 pamphlet entitled "Some Cautions Concerning the Copper Coin."

I am sure that the two films will be along in due course.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 9, 1957

New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York 18, New York

Gentlemen:

You have been kind enough to send me photo copies of items I require from early newspapers and I would like to obtain a copy of an article involving copper coins of New York, Connecticut and Vermont which is contained in "Essex Journal and the Massachusetts and New Hampshire General Advertiser" for March 29, 1786. You need only photocopy that particular portion rather than the whole page if you wish to.

I am enclosing my check for \$1.00 and one of your order forms.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

BIN/atb

The New York Public Library

Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations

FIFTH AVENUE AND 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

New York, January 25, 1957
Ref. your letter December 31, 1956
Your order no.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

DEAR SIR:

Photographic reproductions of the kind indicated can be supplied for the amount noted, including postage and mailing.

no → Pennsylvania Gazette July 18, 1787

Negative Photostat \$.95

*The Complete Counting House Companion - June 21, 1788

Negative Photostats \$1.55

*New York Public Library has only June 21, 1788. Library of Congress & American Antiquarian Society have the largest file on the Complete Counting House Companion."

These reproductions are supplied under the conditions and at the rates set forth on the order blank.

The Library requires payment when the order is placed. Checks and money orders should be drawn to The New York Public Library. Please do not send cash or postage stamps.

Very truly yours,

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE

By John A. Gault *left*

March 6, 1957

Miss Juliet Wolohan
New York State Library
Albany, New York

Dear Miss Wolohan:

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1957 with respect to the mob scene in 1754. I have written to the New York Historical Society for the newspaper extracts.

This is one further item on which I would appreciate your help. In Jephtha R. Simms' "History of Schoharie County", published in Albany in 1815, chapter XIX, beginning on page 550, is devoted to Captain Thomas Machin. Apparently, Mr. Simms had all of Machin's papers available as he quotes from one letter after another. I have not been able to locate these papers. I wonder whether they are in your library and whether they could possibly be part of the George Clinton papers. I have checked the published indices of letters and have been unable to find any Thomas Machin papers except those in the New York Historical Society which are very minor in importance.

I am interested in Mr. Machin's counterfeiting activities in making copper coin from 1786 through 1789 which is described, to some degree, on page 596 of the above-mentioned book.

Would you let me know if your manuscripts contain, or whether you know where, the papers of Thomas Machin are.

Thank you, again, for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:atb

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY
ALBANY 1

CHARLES FRANCIS GOSNELL
STATE LIBRARIAN AND
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR LIBRARIES

MANUSCRIPTS AND HISTORY SECTION

March 19, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Secretary
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

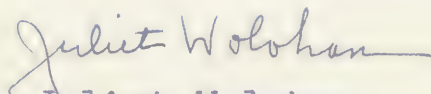
Dear Mr. Newman:

In reply to your letter of March 6, I am sorry to report that I have been unable to locate here or elsewhere papers of Thomas Machin which would give you any light on his counterfeiting activities, 1786-1789.

The analytical index to Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York, Albany, 1914 which cover the period 1775-1785 includes a number of references to Thomas Machin, irrelevant to your problem. Unfortunately, the Clinton Papers after 1785 were not printed and are not now available for examination, having been destroyed or badly damaged in the Capitol fire of 1911.

Mr. Arthur Van Voris, Schoharie County Historian, Cobleskill, New York and Mr. Myron Vroocman, Schoharie County Historical Society, Old Stone Fort, Schoharie, New York, may be able to give you information about such Thomas Machin papers as may be now available in that vicinity.

Sincerely yours,



Juliet Wolohan
Assistant Librarian
Manuscripts and History Section

JW:sk

March 19, 1957

Schoharie County Historical Society
Old Stone Fort Museum
Schoharie, New York

Gentlemen:

In connection with a book I am writing on certain counterfeiting activities in early America, I am in need of locating the manuscript papers of Thomas Machin. When Jephtha R. Simms wrote the "History of Schoharie County", about 1845, he devoted a chapter, XIX, beginning on page 550, to the correspondence and papers belonging to Thomas Machin. I have never been able to locate these papers and just learned that you had a substantial number of manuscripts in your library which could possibly include these papers since Thomas Machin died in Charleston, in Schoharie County in 1816.

As you will note from Simms' book, many of these letters are from George Clinton and other famous individuals.

If you do not have these papers and know where they might be, I would be very grateful.

I look forward with a great deal of enthusiasm to hearing from you in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Schoharie County Historical Society

Office of
TREASURER
CURATOR
LIBRARIAN



OLD STONE FORT AT SCHOHARIE, BUILT 1772

MYRON VROMAN
SCHOHARIE
NEW YORK

March 27, 1957

Mr. Eric P. Newman
460 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman: In reply to your letter of March 17th in regard to Manuscript papers of Thomas Hetchum I do not recall that we have any in our society's library in the Old Stone Fort Museum. I would refer you to Mr. William C. Ruland, Cobleskill, New York, Past President of our society, a civil engineer & very much interested in Thomas Hetchum. Also I would suggest that you write to Paul B. Hottice, 1680 Heilson Street, Utica, New York. He has done a lot of research work on Thomas Hetchum and has written an article on his life which was published in our society's "County Historical Review" a short time ago (Back issues available at \$1.00 per copy). A few years ago our society placed a marker on the grave of Thomas Hetchum (at Cortland, N.Y.) a natural. I hope one of the above persons can give you some light on the whereabouts of the Hetchum Manuscripts.

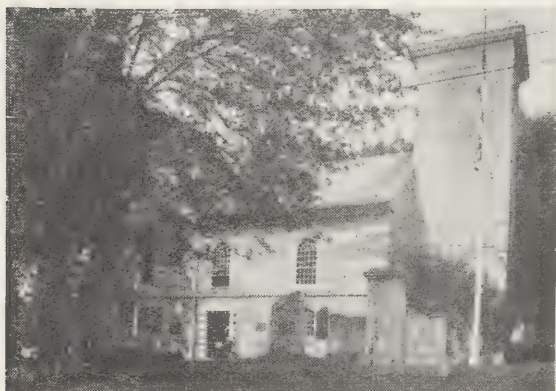
Sincerely
Myron Vroman

MYRON VROMAN, Curator
Old Stone Fort Museum
Schoharie, New York

Visit The Old Stone Fort

1772

SCHOHARIE, NEW YORK



The Old Stone Fort Museum is a veritable treasure house for the antique lover. The Curator will gladly show you such invaluable relics as ancient furniture and household items, antique firearms, early Indian land deeds, documents, money, stone utensils and the like. Historical books, pamphlets and souvenirs on sale.

Admission Free . . . Voluntary contributions.

Open daily from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM from April 1st to November 1st.

The Old Stone Fort near Schoharie is surrounded by a network of good roads from every direction. Over-night accommodations and good meals are readily available nearby. Ample free parking space for visitors.

THE STORY OF THE OLD STONE FORT

Schoharie, N. Y. — 1772

The historic old structure which is known far and wide as "The Old Stone Fort," was erected by The Reformed Protestant High Dutch Church Society as a house of worship during the summer months of 1772. This society had previously built two other houses of worship; the first in 1724, a small structure of wood, and the second in 1737. Both of these early churches stood a few rods northeast of the present old stone church-fortress.

The stone in its walls came from various surrounding localities in the countryside, as can be observed from the great variety of lime and sandstone used in the construction. The parish extended over an area of more than fifteen miles and the parishioners, themselves, carted in this stone. The names of many of these early settlers were chiseled in numerous of these face stones and as a matter of unusual interest, local history records that certain ones of them whose later sympathies favored the Royalist or Tory cause became so unpopular in the Schoharie Valley that their neighbors took chisel in hand and obliterated their names from the stones where they had been carved. Such obliteration can be plainly seen even to-day, to all who are interested to make the easy search. Tradition says that the stone was hauled mostly in ox carts and that the mason work was directed by John Schuyler, a brother of the Rev. Johannes Schuyler, who was then pastor of the church.

The same general plan of the interior of this church, as it then appeared, can be found in the old Christ Episcopal Church at Duanesburg, which is still standing and unchanged from its original construction.

The tower of the church was surmounted by a graceful belfry and spire, on which there stood a metal weathercock made in Holland. The belfry

and the spire were both removed in 1830 and the old metal weathercock can now be seen as a relic in the museum.

Six years after the erection of the Stone Church, the thunder clouds of The Revolution were rolling and many Indian depredations were being made in the Schoharie Valley, one of the frontier outposts of New York State. So, in 1778, the building was enclosed by a log stockade and a block house was erected in both the southwest and northeast corners of the enclosure, on each of which was mounted a small cannon. And thus the church became a fortress. It became known as the Lower Fort.

Along the west side of the enclosure small huts were built of rough boards for the summer residents of the inhabitants of this part of the valley.

There were two other forts with stockades in the Schoharie Valley during The Revolution — the Upper and the Middle Forts. The Upper Fort stood near Fultonham and the Middle Fort at Middleburgh. To-day, nothing but memory remains of either of them.

The principal attack upon the Lower Fort (Old Stone Fort) took place during the late afternoon hours of Oct. 17, 1780. This attack was lead by Sir John Johnson and the great Indian chief, Joseph Brant, with a force of 800 British, Tories and Indians. Among the defenders of the fort on that fateful day was a company of sharpshooters, who were stationed in the steeple, and they poured such a merciless rifle fire into the ranks of the invading Indians as to turn them back in disorder and confusion. Johnson, with the British, attacked from the west with a swivel gun and two iron cannon balls were fired through the roof of the fort. A blackened hole made by one of these messengers of death that day can still be seen in the cornice, at the rear of the building. (Easily discernable from the parking lot).

Near the tower rises a marble shaft marking the final resting place of David Williams, one of the captors of Major Andre.

The stockade was removed in 1785, the pews were replaced in the building, and it reverted to a place of worship until 1844, at which time the Reformed High Dutch Society erected the present brick church in the Village of Schoharie. In 1857, the society sold the Old Stone Church Fortress to the State of New York for \$800, to be used as an arsenal. With some renovations, it was so used until 1873, when it was presented to Schoharie County, on condition that it would assume custodianship and care of the old structure. In 1889, the Schoharie County Historical Society was formed, which began the work of collecting relics and souvenirs so closely associated with this building, both as a church and as a fort, and this collection now constitutes the museum housed within its walls.

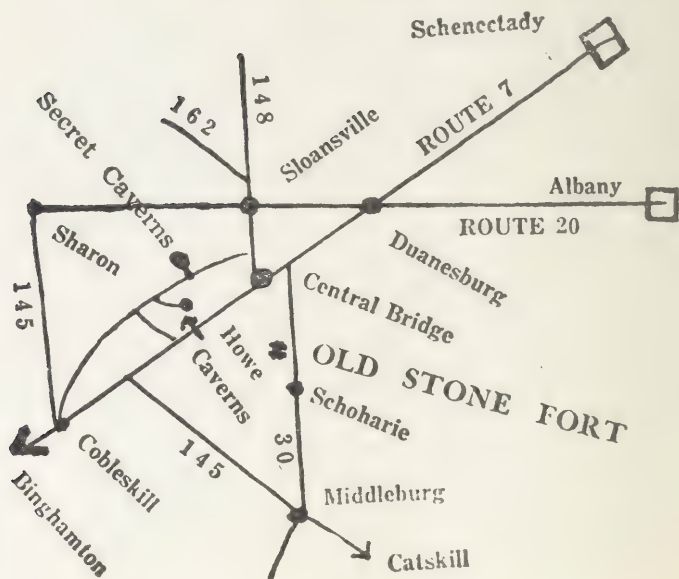
Myron Vroman, Curator and Librarian,

Arthur H. Van Voris, County Historian,

Charles L. Ryder, President.

Schoharie County Historical Society.

Schoharie, New York.



March 29, 1957

Mr. Myron Vroman, Curator
Old Stone Fort Museum
Schoharie, New York

Dear Mr. Vroman:

I wish to thank you for your suggestions with respect to Thomas Machin's manuscripts.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for the issue of the County Historical Review with respect to the life of Thomas Machin and will appreciate it if you will send it to me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 1, 1957

Mr. William C. Ruland
Cobleskill, New York

Dear Mr. Ruland:

I am writing a book on the counterfeiting of coins in early America and I would like to locate the manuscript papers of Thomas Machin.

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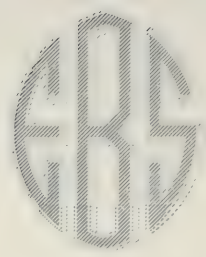
Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPS/atb

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ERIC P. NEWMAN
SECRETARY

April 1, 1957

Mr. William C. Ruland
Cobleskill, New York

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Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Newman - Sorry but I have not been able to locate this information suggest you try Mr. Charles Rydman Pres. of our Association.

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October 27, 1958

New York State Library
Albany 1, New York

Gentlemen:

Would you be kind enough to turn this letter over to the archivist who is working on the Clinton papers.

I have, for many years, been endeavoring to find the manuscript material of Thomas Machin which was used by Jephtha R. Simms in "The History of Schoharie County, New York". I am interested in matters which took place near Newburgh, New York between 1785 and 1791. Do you know whether these papers were destroyed in your fire? In any event, Governor Clinton owned the property on which Thomas Machin had a home and mill and there might be something new discovered in the Clinton papers with respect to Machin.

I propose to write up this entire matter with respect to the production of copper coins by Thomas Machin and his partners on Governor Clinton's property which is one of the most interesting legal counterfeiting activities that has ever taken place. There was no New York law against counterfeiting copper coins at the time.

Would you let me know if anything new has been located?

Thank you for whatever help you may give me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
THE NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY
ALBANY 1

CHARLES FRANCIS GOSNELL
STATE LIBRARIAN AND
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

October 30, 1958

Mr Eric P. Newman
Executive Offices, Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr Newman:

Thank you for your letter of October 27.
I am referring it to Miss Juoiet Wolohan, of our Manuscripts
and History Section, who will try to check on the material.

As you can understand, these papers are in rather
fragile condition. Further, in view of the fact that we have
several vacancies in the staff of the Manuscripts Section,
there may be some delay in our reply. Nevertheless we can
assure you of our desire to do all we can for you.

Sincerely yours



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MANUSCRIPTS AND HISTORY SECTION


November 17, 1958

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Executive Offices
Edison Brothers Stores
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

My dear Mr. Newman:

In reply to your inquiry of October 27, I regret to report that such Clinton Papers as now remain for the period 1785-91 seem not to contain anything pertinent to Thomas Machin and his counterfeiting activities.

Sincerely yours,


Juliet Wolohan
Senior Librarian

JW/cg

January 12, 1959

Society of the Cincinnati
2118 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 8, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you be kind enough to give me the name and
address of the New York state branch of your soc-
iety.

I would be very grateful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 13, 1959

New York Historical Society
170 Central Park West
New York City, New York

Gentlemen:

For many years I have been searching for the post-Revolutionary letters and papers of Thomas Machin which were used by the historian, Jephtha R. Simms, in the publication of "The History of Schoharie County, New York".

By letter dated July 19, 1954, you told me that you have 80 papers of Thomas Machin, all of which are military papers relating to the defense of the Hudson River and being during the period 1776-1783. The items I am interested in are the records of his coinage mill at Newburgh, 1786 to 1791.

Would it be possible for you to look up the source of your Machin papers so that I might try to trace where the other Machin papers might have gone?? I hope that will not be difficult for you and would appreciate hearing from you on that point.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 14, 1959

Otsego County Historical Society
Cooperstown, New York

Gentlemen:

In connection with some historical research I am doing on the copper coinage minted in New York beginning in 1786, I want to locate the post-Revolutionary letters and papers of Thomas Machin (1744-1816) who, after his service in the Revolution, lived and died in Montgomery County, New York. These documents were used by Jephtha R. Simms, the historian, in writing pages 550 to 600 of "The History of Schoharie County, New York", published in 1845.

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Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 13, 1959

The Fort Plain-Nelliston Historical Society
Nelliston, New York

Gentlemen:

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Is it possible that you have these manuscripts or letters in your library or know where they might be? I will be grateful for any assistance you might give me in locating them.

One of the reasons I am writing you is because Mr. Simms lived in Fort Plain during the latter part of his life and some member of his family might have these documents.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 14, 1959

New York State Historical Association
Cooperstown, New York

Gentlemen:

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Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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Buffalo Historical Society
Delaware Park
Buffalo 7, New York

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January 15, 1959

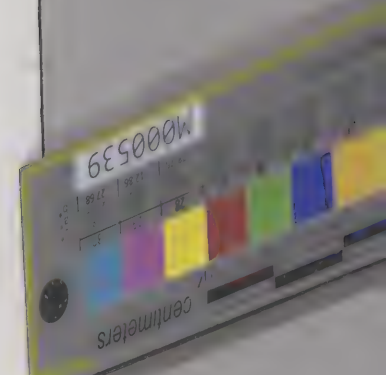
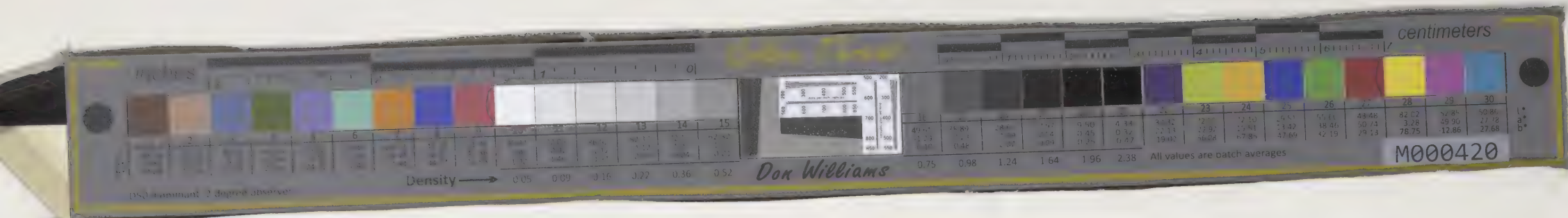
Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Secretary of the Society in the State of New York is Mr. Stephen Caldwell Millett, Jr., and he may be addressed at this Headquarters, 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D.C.

Yours very sincerely,

Frederic A. Ford
Secretary to the Secretary General.



New York

DOROTHY C. BARD
LIBRARIAN

New York State Historical Association

Cooperstown, New York

Fenimore House . The Farmers' Museum

DOROTHY C. BARCK
LIBRARIAN

January 16, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Your letters of January 14th, addressed to the New York State Historical Association and to the Otsego County Historical Society have both been delivered to Fenimore House, where the Otsego County Historical Society's collections are housed with those of the New York State Historical Association.

You will be surprised to receive this reply from one you knew as librarian of our elder-sister-society, The New-York Historical Society in New York City. After a brief sojourn in Newburgh, as superintendent of Washington's Headquarters Museum, I came to this delightful village of Cooperstown in the fall of 1955, as librarian of this Association's Library and of its Farmers' Museum Library, and am now editor of the Association's quarterly journal "New York History." Our libraries, and my office, are in Fenimore House, on the shore of Otsego Lake (Cooper's "Glimmerglass" you recall).

Our libraries are new, and small, and our manuscript collections are not large. They do not include any Thomas Machin papers (or I would have written you e'er this!). Since you have written to the two organizations in Cooperstown, I assume that you have circularized all of the historical societies throughout the State, including the Schoharie County Historical Society, and the Oneida Historical Society (of which J. R. Simms was a corresponding member, I believe, and which has some deeds relating to him). The only reference to Machin other than that mentioning the Oneida Historical Society, given in the GUIDE TO DEPOSITORIES OF MANUSCRIPTS COLLECTION IN NEW YORK STATE (EXCLUSIVE OF NEW YORK CITY) is to the Cobleskill Public Library, in Cobleskill (Schoharie County), which has a military record of Captain Machin in the Revolution. Did you include on your list the Collection of Regional History of Cornell University, of which Mrs. Edith M. Fox is Curator? She is gathering a number of manuscript collections there, from all over the state. The New York State Library

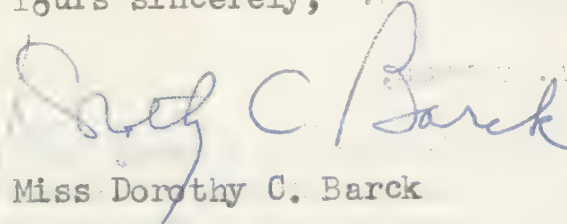
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at Albany you know, of course.

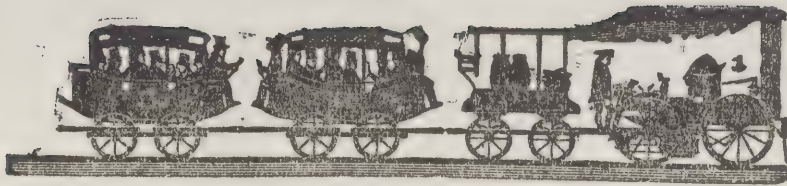
Are you familiar with New York State's set-up of local historians, for the various geographical units: county, town (i.e., township), city and village? The present County Historian of Montgomery County is Mr. Winfield Walrath, whose office is in the Court House at Fonda, and in whose custody are a number of records. The County Historian of Schoharie County is Mrs. Margaret E. Berdan, of Schoharie. They might be able to help you about Thomas Machin himself, or about Simms' papers, as they are well acquainted in their respective areas.

I hope that, come spring, summer, or autumn (traveling conditions in this area are not optimum in winter---a number of local schools are closed today because of road hazards) we may have the pleasure of welcoming you and your wife to our libraries and our museums, and our lovely village among the Otsego County hills.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Dorothy C. Barck



GEORGE PETRI
FORT PLAIN • N. Y.

Jan 19, 1959

Dear Mr Newman,

I have today forwarded your letter addressed to Fort Plain Melliston Hist Society, to Robert Lord, Gloversville, N.Y. R D # 1 who might give you the information you are seeking.

yours very truly
George Petri

January 20, 1959

Mr. Winfield Walrath
Court House
Fonda (Montgomery County)
New York

Dear Sir:

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Is it possible that you have these manuscripts or letters in your library or know where they might be? I will be grateful for any assistance you might give me in locating them.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:ATB

January 20, 1959

Miss Dorothy C. Barck
New York State Historical Association
Fenimore House
Cooperstown, New York

Dear Miss Barck:

It was such a pleasure to hear from you and the suggestion of the various names is being followed up promptly. I have done some further writing and research since I last saw you, in Newburgh, and will have a book published within a month.

I am only sad that I have never located the Machin papers. They must be somewhere and I am going to find them.

My wife and I definitely want to come to Cooperstown on one of our expeditions and we will be delighted to see you at that time.

Thank you for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



THE NEW-YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED IN 1804

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Director

170 CENTRAL PARK WEST
NEW YORK 24, N. Y.

JAMES J. HESLIN
*Assistant Director
and Librarian*

January 22, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

In reply to your letter of January 13, 1959 we are sorry indeed to inform you that our Curator of Manuscripts has carefully examined the Papers of Thomas Machin and finds no indication of the source of the papers. It is barely possible that Miss Dorothy Barck, Librarian of The New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, New York, former Librarian of The New-York Historical Society, and former Curator of The Washington Headquarters Museum at Newburgh, New York may possibly have some suggestions relating to these papers.

Sincerely yours,

James J. Heslin
Assistant Director and Librarian

c.

1680 Nelson Street,
Utica, N.Y.

January 31st, 1959.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
Executive Stores, 400 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman :

I remember our correspondence about Thomas Machin. Some time before that I promised the Editor of The Schoharie County (New York) Historical Review to write an article on Machin for his publication. The reason was because Machin is buried in a county cemetery at Carlisle, New York. And also because ^{he} designed and built the Great Chain at West Point in the Revolutionary War and also the original forts there to protect the Great Chain. I did not look for any coinage data although I ^{came} ~~was~~ across of his efforts in that direction. I sent a copy of the article to the Empire State Mason of the New York State Grand Lodge. They acknowledge its receipt but that is all. I was disappointed because several years before they had published some erroneous information about the Great Chain.

Such publications don't care to have their errors exposed especially by data that they cannot dispute. I used the Washington letters to correct the former data but that is as far as its gone.

I do not know where the Revolutionary papers of Machin are . I would write William Sheehan , a former Curator , of the Old Court House Museum at Fonda, New York. A couple of us three years ago paid a visit to Machin's grave and found everything in order. The Schoharie County Historical Society put a marker on his gravestone a year before . We took some pictures of the marker which are still available. I advise you to look for confirmation about New York State written before the Civil War. A lot of the early histories are nothing but folklore and we had an inter-state struggle over land titles that lasted over a hundred years. No other Province has such an unnecessary struggle .

I shall always be interested in anything about Thomas Machin. I have not learned anything new about him since we corresponded. I am now an octogenarian and am not doing so much research or reading except for the Senior Citizens of Utica , N.Y.

Very cordially ,

Paul B. Mattice
Paul B. Mattice.

January 28, 1959

Mr. Paul B. Mattice
1680 Neilson Street
Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Mattice:

You will recall that we corresponded in 1957 with respect to our mutual interest, Thomas Machin.

Many people in the numismatic field are encouraging me to write up the history of his coinage operations from 1786 through 1791 and I want to be sure I obtain all of the information I can before so doing.

I have located a copy of the partnership agreement under which he and others operated their mint at Orange Lake, near Newburgh, New York. Unfortunately, I am still searching for the post-Revolutionary papers of Thomas Machin. In the past, and recently, I have written to every historical society which I thought might possibly have these papers. The New York Historical Society has his Revolutionary papers but do not know where they obtained them.

Have you learned anything new concerning Thomas Machin, or his papers, since my last letter? If so, I would be most interested in hearing from you.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 9, 1957

Mr. Paul B. Mattice
1680 Neilson Street
Utica, New York

Dear Mr. Mattice:

Thank you for your letter of April 3, 1957 with respect to Thomas Machin. I had already inquired at the New York State Library, in Albany, the New York Public Library, the Library of Congress, and others.

You indicated that you did not believe Thomas Machin ever had anything to do with counterfeiting of coins. I do not want to disillusion you but that is exactly what he was doing. The counterfeits consisted of copies of English halfpence. Strangely enough, counterfeiting of copper coins was not a violation of the law in 1787 in New York and, therefore, the business he was engaged in was immoral but lawful. The intent of the establishment of his mint was to obtain a franchise from the State of New York to coin money and in this they were unsuccessful. Their subsequent involvement in Vermont and Connecticut coinage is the subject of a paper which I have just written for the centennial publication of the American Numismatic Society.

I certainly wish his papers could be located as they contain matters concerning coinage, none of which have every come to light other than one letter and the partnership agreements with respect to the operation of Machin's Mills.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:atb

1680 Neilson Street,
Utica, N.Y.

April 3rd, 1957.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
400 Washington Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman,

I don't think Thomas Machin ever had anything to do with the counterfeiting of coins. He with some gentlemen of Vermont, Connecticut and New York, coined some copper coins for these respective states. That was before the adoption of the U.S. Constitution which made the coinage a province of the federal government. I don't think Thomas Machin had anything to do with coinage after that.

Neither have I ever heard of any Machin Papers although there may have been. I think an inquiry at The State Education Department, The New York State Library, Albany, N.Y., might give you results. That might be followed by inquiries at the State Historian's office of Vermont and Connecticut, also at the New York Public Library in New York City. I just learned last year that there are many papers of distinguished Revolutionary officers in the New York Library that have never been carefully examined. As a last resort I would write the Curator at the West Point Army Museum.

While there may not be any Machin papers about coinage there must be a record of the license given Machin and his friends to coin money. During the early days and for some time after the Revolution Americans depended on Spain and England for their metal money. And as a last resort you might write Mrs. Mildred Parker Seese, Goshen, New York or the Historian of the City of Newburgh. Hope you will be successful and I shall be interested in what you find out.

Cordially,

Paul B. Mattice
Paul B. Mattice

April 1, 1957

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1680 Neilson Street
Utica, New York

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Your name was given to me by Mr. Vroman, of the Schoharie County Historical Society.

I have just ordered a copy of the article on the life of Thomas Machin which you previously published and hope that you had these papers available when you wrote up that subject.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 14, 1959

Montgomery County Historical Society
Amsterdam, New York

Gentlemen:

In connection with some historical research I am doing on the copper coinage minted in New York beginning in 1786, I want to locate the post-Revolutionary letters and papers of Thomas Machin (1744-1816) who, after his service in the Revolution, lived and died in Montgomery County, New York. These documents were used by Jephtha R. Simms, the historian, in writing pages 550 to 600 of "The History of Schoharie County, New York", published in 1845.

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Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 20, 1959

Mrs. Edith M. Fox, Curatrix
Regional History Collection
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mrs. Fox:

My friend, Miss Dorothy C. Barck, of the New York State Historical Association, Cooperstown, New York, has suggested that I write to you in connection with my search for the post-Revolutionary papers of Thomas Machin. These are necessary for me to locate in connection with a book I am writing on copper coinage in New York in 1786-1791.

Thomas Machin died in Montgomery County, New York, and his documents were used extensively by Jephtha R. Simms, the historian, in writing pages 550 to 600 of "The History of Schoharie County, New York", published in 1845. The New York Historical Society obtained some of his Revolutionary data but the balance of the papers are what I am looking for. Is it possible that in your assembly of manuscripts you might have run into any of the Thomas Machin papers? I will be grateful for any assistance you might give me in locating them.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 20, 1959

Oneida Historical Society
600 Park Avenue
Utica 3, New York

Gentlemen:

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Miss Dorothy C. Barck, formerly of the New York Historical Society, and now at the New York State Historical Association, at Cooperstown, New York, told me that Jephtha R. Simms was a corresponding member of the Oneida Historical Society and I was wondering whether Mr. Simms could have kept Mr. Machin's papers or turned them over to your society.

I will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 20, 1959

Cobleskill Public Library
Cobleskill, (Schoharie County), New York

Gentlemen:

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In the Guide to Depositories of Manuscripts Collections in New York State, the name of your organization is mentioned as having some of Captain Thomas Machin's records.

I would be very grateful if you would let me know what records you have and if you have any information as to where the balance of his records might be.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb



THE ONEIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

306 GENESEE STREET • UTICA 4, N. Y.

Telephone SWift 7-0000

January 22, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The following is a description of our (small) collection of Thomas Machin papers:

T. MACHIN PAPERS. 7 pieces. 1779-1821. Miscellaneous correspondence of Thomas Machin relating to the American Revolution and Central New York lands.
Principal Names: Thomas Machin, Philip Schuyler, Henry Ten Brook, Joseph Wharton and J. Young. Principal Places: Albany, Canajoharie, Cayuga Lake, Machin's Patent, Montgomery Co., New York City, Otsego Lake, Tryon Co. and Ulster Co., N. Y.

If you care to indicate what specific information you need, I shall be happy to check through these papers for you.

Sincerely yours,

Francis W. Cunningham
Francis W. Cunningham
Curator

January 27, 1959

Mr. Francis W. Cunningham, Curator
The Oneida Historical Society
306 Genesee Street
Utica 4, New York

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Thank you, very much, for your letter of January 22, 1959 indicating that you have a few of the Thomas Machin papers. I am interested in any items relating to the operation of his mill and coining partnership at Orange Lake in what was then Ulster County, New York, during the period from 1786 through 1791.

In addition, I would like to know if your records show where you obtained these papers. The New York Historical Society obtained many of the Revolutionary papers and they do not know where they obtained them. If I could locate the source of the papers I might be able to find the balance of them more easily.

Your helpfulness is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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January 28, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

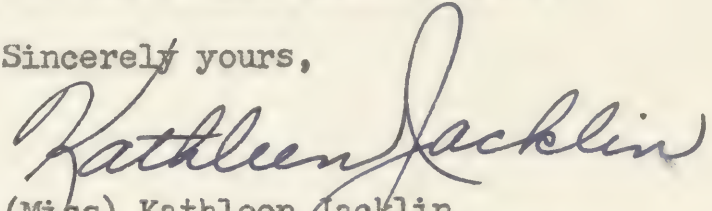
At present Mrs. Fox is vacationing. I am therefore replying to your letter of January 20th.

A check of our catalogue of manuscript holdings revealed no letters or other papers of Thomas Machin. The only reference I was able to find to the name Machin appears in our description of additional Hugh White Papers; they include at least one letter referring to the survey and sale of lands in Machin's Patent.

Under separate cover, we are sending you copies of our last two published reports covering manuscript acquisitions received from 1948 to 1950 and 1950 to 1954. The White Papers to which I referred above are described in the earlier report (p. 74).

When Mrs. Fox returns next week, I will mention your letter to her. Since her own research deals with New York in the pre-19th Century period, she may be able to offer you further suggestions on the possible whereabouts of the Thomas Machin papers.

Sincerely yours,



(Miss) Kathleen Jacklin
Associate Curator & Archivist

KJ:dfs

The Montgomery County Historical Society

Amsterdam, New York

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BUILT BY
SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON
IN 1749

MUSEUM AND
HISTORIC HOUSE
RICHMOND, FREY
AND REYNOLDS
COLLECTIONS

Amsterdam, N. Y.,
January 29, 1959.

Mr. Eric P. Newman ,
c/o Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue ,
St. Louis , Mo.

Dear Sir:-

The Montgomery County Historical Society does not have a library being simply custodian of a historical house and a museum .

I am a genealogist and do much research work in Montgomery County and have never heard anything about where these papers might be . I visited the State Library at Albany yesterday and they told me that a great many people are trying to find these papers . Judging from my own experience with loaned valuable papers I should be led to expect that they might never have been returned . But , of course , this might not be the case .

Yours sincerely ,

Miss Allie M. Van Heusen ,
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February 3, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
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St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your research on copper coinage interests me very much and I shall enjoy the book.

Unfortunately I know nothing of the Thomas Machin papers. Simms reminds me of Hough, who also used manuscripts which never came to later light. I know that the manuscripts Hough used did exist and I imagine that those used by Simms also existed, although Simms was apt to stretch a point.

Sincerely yours,

Edith M. Fox

(Mrs.) Edith M. Fox
Curator & University Archivist

EMF:dfs

February 4, 1959

Miss Hope M. Wilson
Cobleskill Public Library
Cobleskill, New York

Dear Miss Wilson:

I already have a copy of The History of Schoharie County but I am interested in the talk given at the grave of Thomas Machin. If I could borrow it I would have a photostat taken here at the office so there would be no difficulty in copying it. Would you be nice enough to let me borrow it for that purpose.

Thank you for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

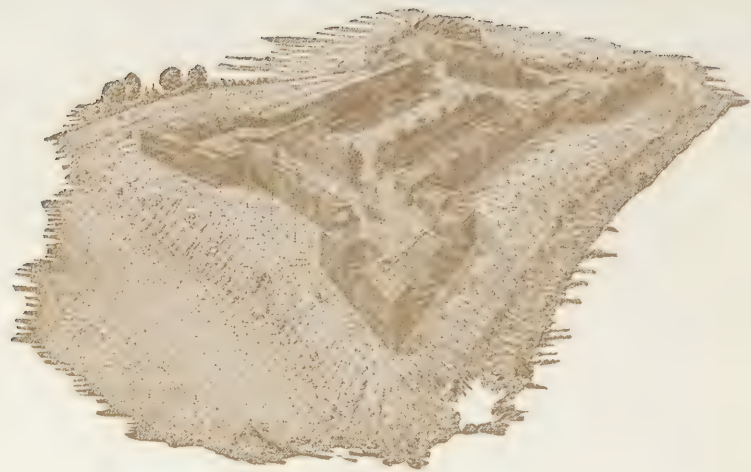
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Mr. Eric P. Newman
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400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter to the Fort Plain-Nelliston Hist. Soc. has been turned over to me. I recently purchased all that remains of the Simms material, as well as the Thomas Machin documents.

The papers you want were destroyed by fire in the early thirty's. There are some papers of Simms in the New York State Library in Albany N.Y. and a letter to Dr. Corey of that office might lead to further information.

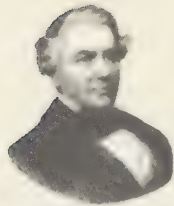
The information I have about Thomas Machin is for the most part his military life and Masonic work. If this information would be of help I will be glad to have it translated for you. I also have duplicate photo's of Machin head stone's and a limited amount of Geneoligy.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Lord
R.F.D.#1
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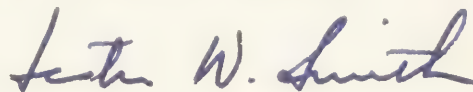
Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

Your letter of January 14th requests information concerning the location of manuscript materials of Thomas Machin.

We do not have any Machin manuscripts in our custody, but I suggest you write to the Oneida Historical Society, at Utica, New York, and to the Cobbleskill Public Library at Cobbleskill, New York, both of which have Machin materials and may have information as to the location of other materials. The New York State Library in Albany, and the Manuscripts Division of the New York Public Library might also be able to assist you.

Sincerely yours,



Chief of Research

LWS-J

February 9, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord
R.F.D. #1
Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Lord:

You have no idea of the relief your letter of February 4, 1959 has given me even though the Thomas Machin papers which I need are gone. At least the matter is disposed of but I would like to have all of the details. When you say that the papers of the post-Revolutionary period, 1786 through 1791, were destroyed by fire in the early thirties, I would like to know whether that is 1830 or 1930 and in whose possession and where they were at the time.

Is there anything in any of the documents which you purchased relating to the coinage operation of Thomas Machin, regardless of the date?

I had written to the New York State Library to ask them to look through the Machin papers, if they had any, and also to check the Clinton papers, but they told me they had nothing on Machin. Do you think there are some Machin papers in the Simms papers which the library has?

I would like a copy of your photo of Machin's headstone if you have a spare one.

I look forward, very much, to hearing from you further as I would like to proceed to write up, for publication, the material I have available. It is, in my opinion, the most interesting coinage operation that ever took place in the United States.

Any aid you can give me which is not included in the material in Simms' book, would be most helpful.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

February 12, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord
R.F.D. #1
Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Lord:

Since writing to you on February 9 I find that on page 271 of Volume 2 of "The Frontiersmen of New York", by Jephtha R. Simms, he states, in a footnote, that he acquired the papers of Thomas Machin. I presume that you already knew this and that your acquisition of some of the papers was from the Simms family.

There is also mentioned that Thomas Machin kept a journal book in 1790, when he went from Orange Lake New York up to Montgomery County. Is this journal in existence and could it have entries for previous years?

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:ATB

February 12, 1959

Miss Juliet Wolohan
New York State Library
Albany 1, New York

Dear Miss Wolohan:

As recently as November 17, 1958, you advised me that you could not locate anything with respect to Thomas Machin and his manufacture of copper coins at Orange Lake near Newburgh, New York. I had asked you to look in the Clinton papers.

I have one new clue. Jephtha R. Simms used Thomas Machin's papers in writing up the History of Schoharie County New York, in 1845, and, in 1882 when he wrote The Frontiersmen of New York, he still had possession of these papers and indicated in a footnote on page 271 of Volume 2, that "Machin's map came to me with his papers". This means that Simms actually had kept Machin's papers and, apparently, owned them.

Were any of the papers of Jephtha R. Simms turned over to the New York State Library? as those papers might contain the Thomas Machin material I am looking for.

I am sorry to bother you again in this matter but with new evidence of this sort I thought it would be helpful.

Mr. Robert E. Lord, Curator of the Fort William Henry Corporation indicated that there are some papers in the New York State Library and that I should write to Dr. Corey. If you wish to turn this letter over to him, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

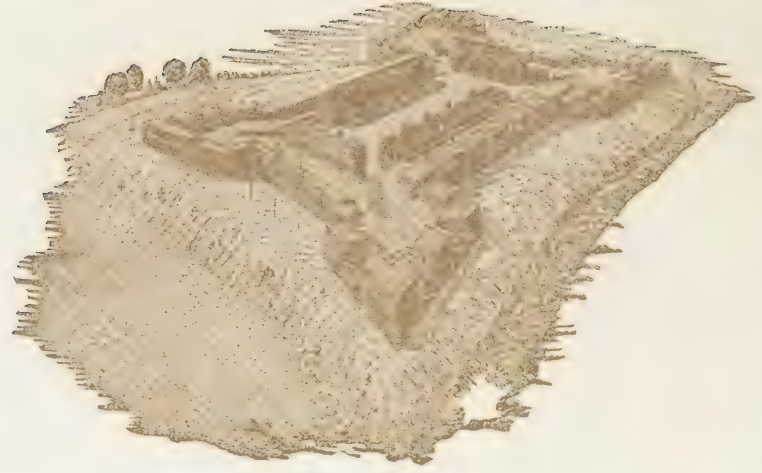
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Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Md.

Dear Mr. Newman:

First let me give you the history of the Simms papers. Simms lived in Fort Plain, N.Y. before his death all of the material he had was moved to his home. It was left in the house until the early 1930's when the new owners cleaned up a bit and got rid of all the old junk and papers. Mr Bert Alter (now dead, a collection I recently purchased) rushed to the dump and was able to salvage quite a bit. Mr Alters wife somewhat a mental case, found the torn and blackend papers and was able to complete the job of destroying forever the papers of Simms. There was enough information left for mr Alter to work up a few facts which I am sending you. Nothing about the coinage but it might make good fill material.

I would be interested in completeing my files if you do uncover any information about Machin. Do you know if any of the original coins minted by Machin are available? If so were could I purchase one. Would also be interested in your publication when it is available.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Lord
Gloversville, N.Y.
R.F.D.#1

February 13, 1959

Mrs. Carol W. Bussing
Department of History and Archives
Old Court House
Fonda, New York

Dear Mrs. Bussing:

Enclosed is the \$1.00 for the excerpt of
the material on Machin. I would like to
know when it was written, if you have that
information.

Your helpfulness is most appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:atb

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AND ARCHIVIST

Department of History and Archives

OLD COURT HOUSE

FONDA, N. Y.

CAROL W. BUSSING

SENIOR CLERK

February 17, 1959.

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter enclosing \$1.00 for the Machin data.

Regarding the time Mr. Hartley wrote the Machin data sent you, the copy we have is not dated. However, Mr. Edward J. Sheehan, our former historian was in the office yesterday and I asked him if he knew the date of the article. He informed me it was written in the early 1930's.

I also asked Mr. Sheehan if he had any idea where Thomas Machin's original papers could be found. He gave me the information that last summer, a gentleman (did not remember the name), was inquiring about the Machin papers on a visit to the museum just west of our village. Some days later, the same gentleman stopped back at the museum and gave out the information that some of the Machin papers were at West Point.

Sincerely yours,

Carol W. Bussing

(Mrs.) Carol W. Bussing.

P. S. Mr. Sheehan also told me that he could not give you any additional information on this subject.

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THE ONEIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

306 GENESEE STREET • UTICA 4, N.Y.

Telephone SWift 7-0000

February 23, 1959

Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

There is nothing in our collection relating to the operation of Machin's mill and coining partnership. We have been unable to ascertain the source of these papers.

Sincerely yours,

Francis W. Cunningham

Francis W. Cunningham
Curator

MG:16

The University of the State of New York

The New York State Library

Albany 1

25 February 1959

Dear Mr. Newman:

There are no Jephtha Simms Papers on file in the State Library, nor have I been able to determine the location elsewhere of any collection of such papers.

Sincerely yours,



Juliet Wolohan
Senior Librarian

Dr. Albert B. Corey is the State Historian and is
L1587p-Mr55-10,000(38131) not connected with the State Library.

January 20, 1959

Mrs. Margaret B. Berdan
Schoharie, New York

Dear Mrs. Berdan:

In connection with some historical research I am doing on the copper coinage minted in New York beginning in 1786, I want to locate the post-Revolutionary letters and papers of Thomas Machin (1744-1816) who, after his service in the Revolution, lived and died in Montgomery County, New York. These documents were used by Jephtha R. Simms, the historian, in writing pages 550 to 600 of "The History of Schoharie County, New York", published in 1845.

Is it possible that you have these manuscripts or letters in your library or know where they might be? I will be grateful for any assistance you might give me in locating them.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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OFFICE OF
SCHOHARIE COUNTY HISTORIAN
SCHOHARIE, NEW YORK

MARGARET B. BERDAN
COUNTY HISTORIAN

March 2nd, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman,

The librarian of our county historical society tells me that the manuscripts of Thomas Machin are not to be found among the collections at the Stone Fort, here in Schoharie. You might try the office of the Montgomery County Historian at Fonda, New York.

I understand that Mr. William Ruland, of Cobleskill, New York, did some research on Mr. Machin, some time ago, and he may be able to assist you, also.

I will keep your letter on file and should any other information turn up on the matter I will send it along to you.

Sincerely yours,

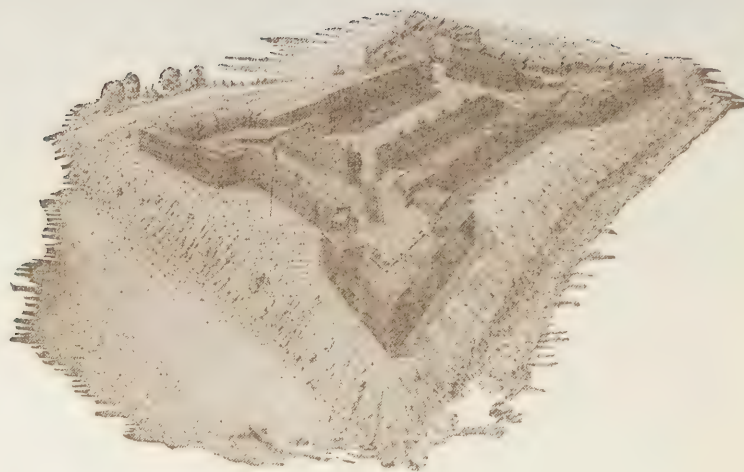


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Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis 2, Md.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have to ask you to forgive me for not answering before but have been very busy getting ready to open the Fort for the coming season.

Enclosed in this envelope you will find quite a mess of papers as you can see there in bad shap as far as fileing goes the entire collection is in this same condition. You have my permissin to use any material you wish however I would appreciate it if you will be carefull to see to it that nothing is lost and when you have had a chance to look it over and copy anything you want i would like to have it back.

When time permits I hope to go through all of the files and boxes of material and if I find any more on Machin I will be glad to send it to you.

Very truly yours,

Fort William Henry Corp.

Robert E. Lord
R.F.D.#1
Gloversville, N.Y.

March 10, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord
R.F.D. #1
Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Lord:

I have not heard from you since your letter of February 4, 1959, and wonder whether you are away on vacation.

You indicated that you had a duplicate photograph of Thomas Machin's headstone and I would be most pleased to have it.

I also wanted to know in whose possession the Machin papers were when they were destroyed by fire in the early 1930's.

In my letter of February 12 I asked if you had the journal book which Thomas Machin apparently kept in 1790. Would you be kind enough to write me so that these matters can be cleared up.

I am most appreciative of your help and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

March 11, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord, Curator
The Fort William Henry Corporation
R.F.D. 1
Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Lord:

If you believe it would be interesting to have an example of the copper coin made by Thomas Machin at his mill in Newburgh, New York, during its operation in the 1787-1788 period, this organization will be glad to lend one to the museum on indefinite loan. The coins made by the Machin partnership were imitations of British halfpence usually with dates when genuine British halfpence were not issued.

If it would be in the public interest, please advise and it will be promptly arranged.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By _____
President

EPN/atb

6/11/59

Dear Mr. Newman -

I mailed The Scholastic Co. Historical Review
today. If it is of any value to you, the price
to the library is 75.[¢]

Sincerely
H M Wilson

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June 7th 1950

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores Inc
St. Louis 2 Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

The talk by Chauncey Rickard is in a very large Cemetery volume, much too cumbersome to send if the Library would approve.

However, in looking through old copies of the Schoharie County Historical Review, I found the article from which the talk must have been written.

They have extra copies at the Old Stone Fort in Schoharie and I hope there is one for Oct 1955. If there is I shall be glad to send it to you, and I hope to have time tomorrow to check at the Fort. Mr. Vroman, Curator, might let you take his copy so that you could have a photostat made if it is something you can use.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Malcolm Wilson
Mrs. Malcolm Wilson

June 26, 1959

Mrs. Malcolm Wilson
Research Room
Cobleskill Public Library
Cobleskill, New York

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

On June 11, 1959 you said you mailed me the Schoharie County Historical Review. I have never received it and wonder whether it was returned to you or where it could have been addressed.

It was very nice of you to take care of this matter and I did not wish you to feel that I had neglected paying for it.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

July 6, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Lord
R.F.D.#1
Gloversville, New York

Dear Mr. Lord:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Machin material which you were kind enough to loan me and which is returned herewith. I have kept a carbon copy of one of the excerpts and I am sure you have no objection to that.

You indicated that you were going through all of your files and boxes looking for other Machin material and I certainly hope you are able to find his notebook or some of his financial papers. If you do, I would be most grateful.

Thank you, again, for your kindness and cooperation.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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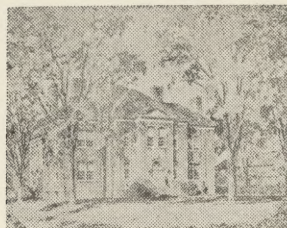
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July 21, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2 Mo

Dear Mr. Newman:

Under separate cover I am sending another copy of the October 1955 Historical Review. I hope this has a kinder fate than the last one.

Mr. Vroman, Curator at the Old Stone Fort, says that there was no story by Chauncey Rickard in any Review. We do have his speech in a book of Cemetery Records compiled by the D.A.R. of Schoharie County. It can be copied if it is of sufficient interest to you.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Malcolm Wilson

Mrs. Malcolm Wilson

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December 22, 1959

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores
St. Louis 2 Mo

Dear Mr. Newman:

On July 21st I sent you a second copy of the October 1955 Historical Society Magazine of Schoharie County. I am wondering if it ever reached you.

If you would like to have a copy made of the speech at the grave of Thomas Machin, I shall be glad to make it for you. The Library makes a slight charge for this service.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Malcolm Wilson

December 30, 1959

Mrs. Malcolm Wilson
Cobleskill Public Library
Cobleskill, New York

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

The Schoharie County Historical Society Magazine
of October, 1955, was received.

The writer was invited to give an address at the
American Numismatic Society, in New York, November
14, 1959, and the topic was Thomas Machins' Coin-
age. In due course it will be the subject of a
monograph which will be published. Unfortunately,
Thomas Machins' papers relative to the mint have
been destroyed. I believe I have all the inform-
ation necessary for the completion of the mono-
graph and will send you a copy when it is completed,
in a year or so.

Thank you, very much, for your help, and your
interest, for which we are most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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By Eric P. Newman, President

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